What's the OFFSIDE?
I DON'T KNOW STUFF
I WANT TO KNOW
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TEACH ME THE OFFISIDE.
ANSWERING THE ETERNAL QUESTIONS OF SOCCER TO JUST FOOTBALL YOUTH!
THE TV CHAMPIONSHIP WINNER IS GETTING ON AND 28 RULES!!
What's the OFFSIDE?
STUFF I DON'T KNOW
WHAT I WANT TO KNOW
MOST
Y'KNOW?
DECIDED WITH A GOD HAND!
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AHAHA HAHAHA!! PLEASED TO MEET-CHA ITOU-KUN!!
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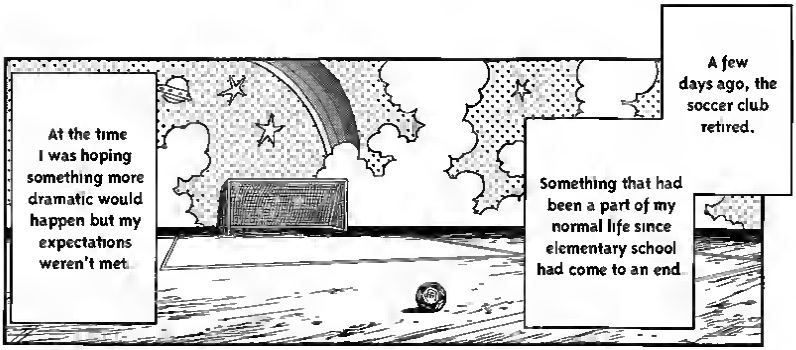
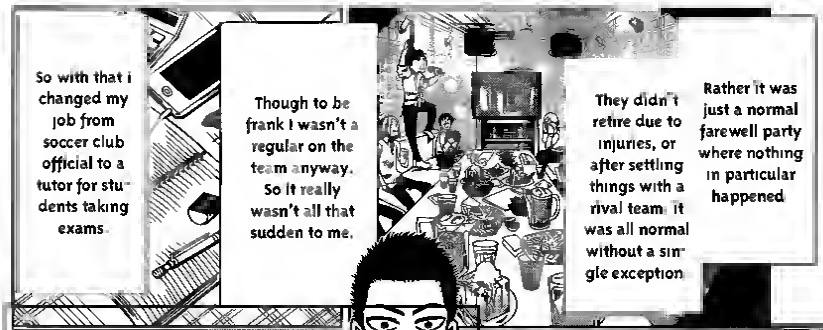
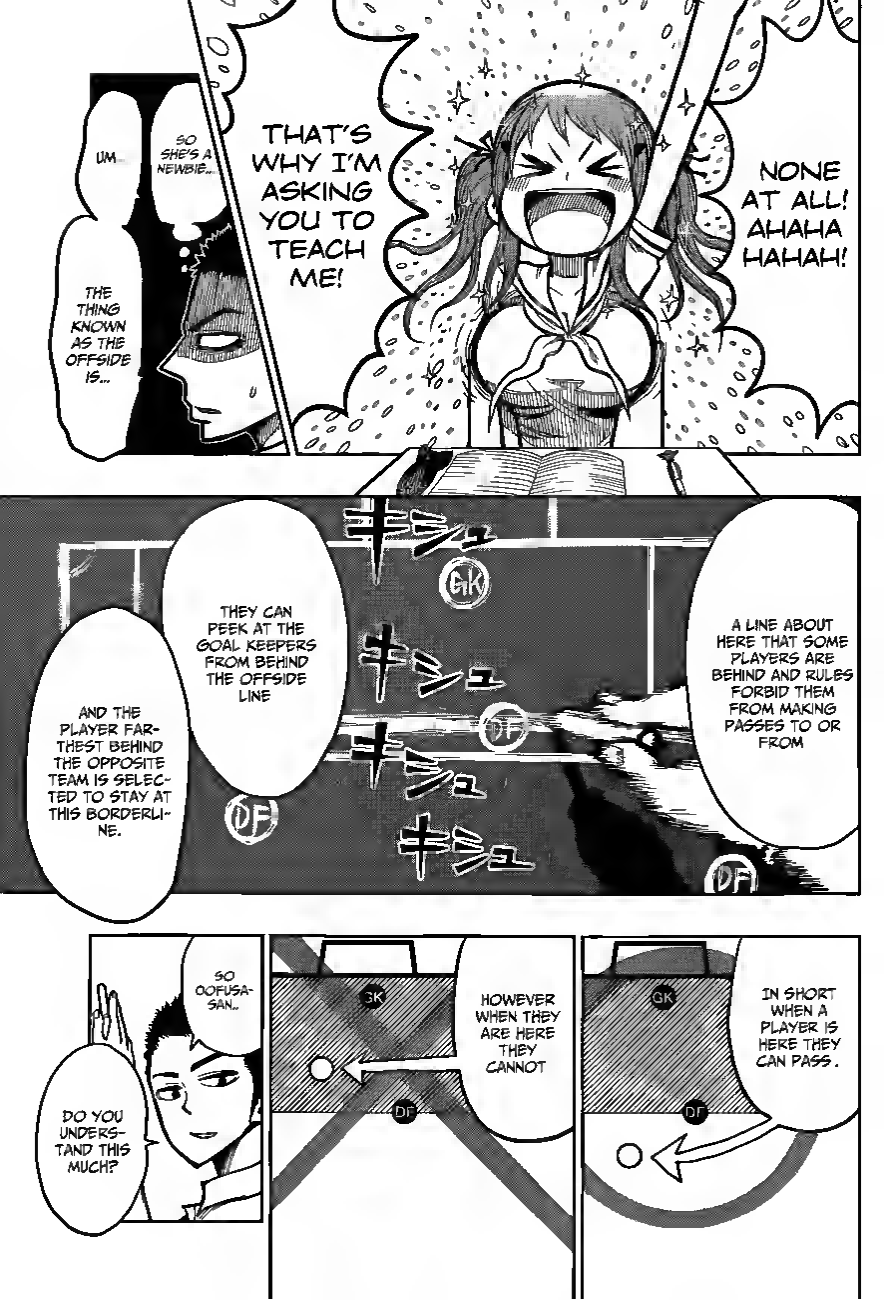
NOW TEACH ME THE OFFSIDE!!
HUH?
WITHOUT WARNING A SPECIAL LESSON BEGINS!!


At the time I was hoping something more dramatic would happen but my expectations weren't met.
A few days ago, the soccer club retired.
Something that had been a part of my normal life since elementary school had come to an end.


So with that I changed my job from soccer club official to a tutor for students taking exams.
Though to be frank I wasn't a regular on the team anyway. So it really wasn't all that sudden to me.
They didn't retire due to injuries, or after settling things with a rival team it was all normal without a single exception.
Rather it was just a normal farewell party where nothing in particular happened.

AH. YOU'RE OOFUSA-SAN FROM CLASS 5 YEAH?
At least.. that's what I thought.
HOW MUCH EXPERIENCE DO YOU HAVE WITH SOCCER?
ALL RIGHTY FIRST THING'S FIRST LETS HEAR IT—


NONE AT ALL! AHAHA HAHAH!
THAT'S WHY I'M ASKING YOU TO TEACH ME!
SO SHE'S A NEWBIE..
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THE THING KNOWN AS THE OFFSIDE IS...
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A LINE ABOUT HERE THAT SOME PLAYERS ARE BEHIND AND RULES FORBID THEM FROM MAKING PASSES TO OR FROM
THEY CAN PEEK AT THE GOAL KEEPERS FROM BEHIND THE OFFSIDE LINE
AND THE PLAYER FARTHEST BEHIND THE OPPOSITE TEAM IS SELECTED TO STAY AT THIS BORDERLINE.
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SO OOFUSA-SAN..
DO YOU UNDERSTAND THIS MUCH?
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HOWEVER WHEN THEY ARE HERE THEY CANNOT
GK
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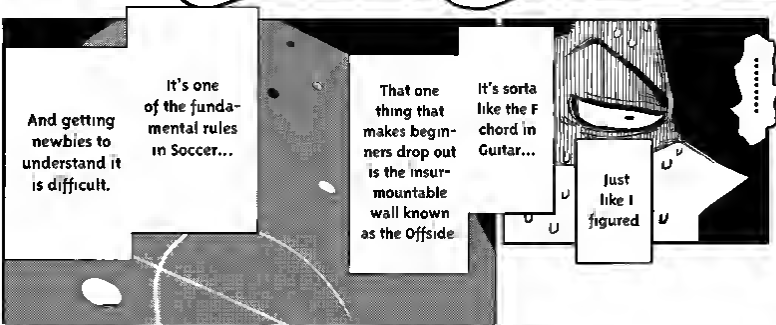
IN SHORT WHEN A PLAYER IS HERE THEY CAN PASS.

I DON'T GET IT!
IF YOU'RE GONNA EXPLAIN THE OFFSIDE THEN YOU SHOULDN'T USE DIFFICULT TERMS LIKE 'OFFSIDE LINE!'
WHERE'S THE PLACE THAT THE GOALKEEPER HAS TO DEFEND FIRST?
THAT FOUL... WHAT'S IT CALLED IN JAPANESE?
SO PASSING FROM THERE IS BAD, YEAH? SO WHAT ABOUT CATCHING FROM THERE?
OR IS IT THAT STANDING BEHIND THAT AT ALL IS A FOUL?
WHEN YOU PASS FROM THE END LINE AND ACCEPT IT IS THAT A FREE KICK? A GOAL KICK?
WHAT KIND OF PUNISHMENT IS THERE FOR MAKING A PLAY FROM THE OFFSIDE?
JUST NOW, WAS THAT A PASS OR A SHOOT? WHEN DO YOU REFER TO ONE OR THE OTHER? WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU DO?
IF THERE'S AN OFFSIDE, IS THERE AN ONSIDE?
IF YOU PASS TO YOURSELF IS THAT CONSIDERED AN OUT?
SO THE LINE IS ACTUALLY A WHITE LINE THEY CAN'T PASS RIGHT? WHEN IS IT AN ACTUAL BORDER LINE?
WHEN'S A GOOD TIME TO PASS TO THE ENEMY?
BEFORE TALKING ABOUT THE OFFSIDE WHAT ABOUT SHOOTING? IS THAT LEGAL? OR ILLEGAL?
CAN YOU THROW IN FROM THE OFFSIDE?
WHEN YOU PASS AND CATCH IT WITH YOUR HAND IS THAT A HAND TOSS? OR OFFSIDE?


And getting newbies to understand it is difficult.
It's one of the fundamental rules in Soccer...
That one thing that makes beginners drop out is the insurmountable wall known as the Offside
It's sorta like the F chord in Guitar...
Just like I figured
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BY THE WAY OOFUSA-SAN...WHY DO YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT THE OFFSIDE?
DO YOU HAVE A BOYFRIEND WHO'S INTO SOCCER?
AHAHAH! NO WAY! THE NEIGHBOR HOOD ELE-MENTARY SCHOOL KIDS HAVE BEEN MAKING FUN OF ME!!
THEY'RE SOOOOO AN-NOYING! SO I WANT YOU TO HELP ME RETURN THE FAVOR!
SUCH AN IDIOTIC REASON...
I KNOW YOU'RE ASKING ME TO HELP BUT..
Geez... why the heck am I stuck doing something like this...
CAN'T I JUST INTRODUCE YOU TO SOME PRETTY GOOD BOOKS ON THE TOPIC THEN?
THAT'S NO GOOD!
I WANT YOU TO TEACH ME, ITOU-KUN!!
The team's already been retired ---I don't need lingering effects
To try and deal with a newbie who doesn't know any-thing about the offside--
OOFUSA-SAN...
WOULD YOU COME OUTSIDE?
Begin to want to understand the Offside myself?
Just when did I...
Moreover from the start I don't really understand it myself...
BUT I JUST GAVE YOU THE SIM-PLEST EX-PLANATION I COULD...
.....?

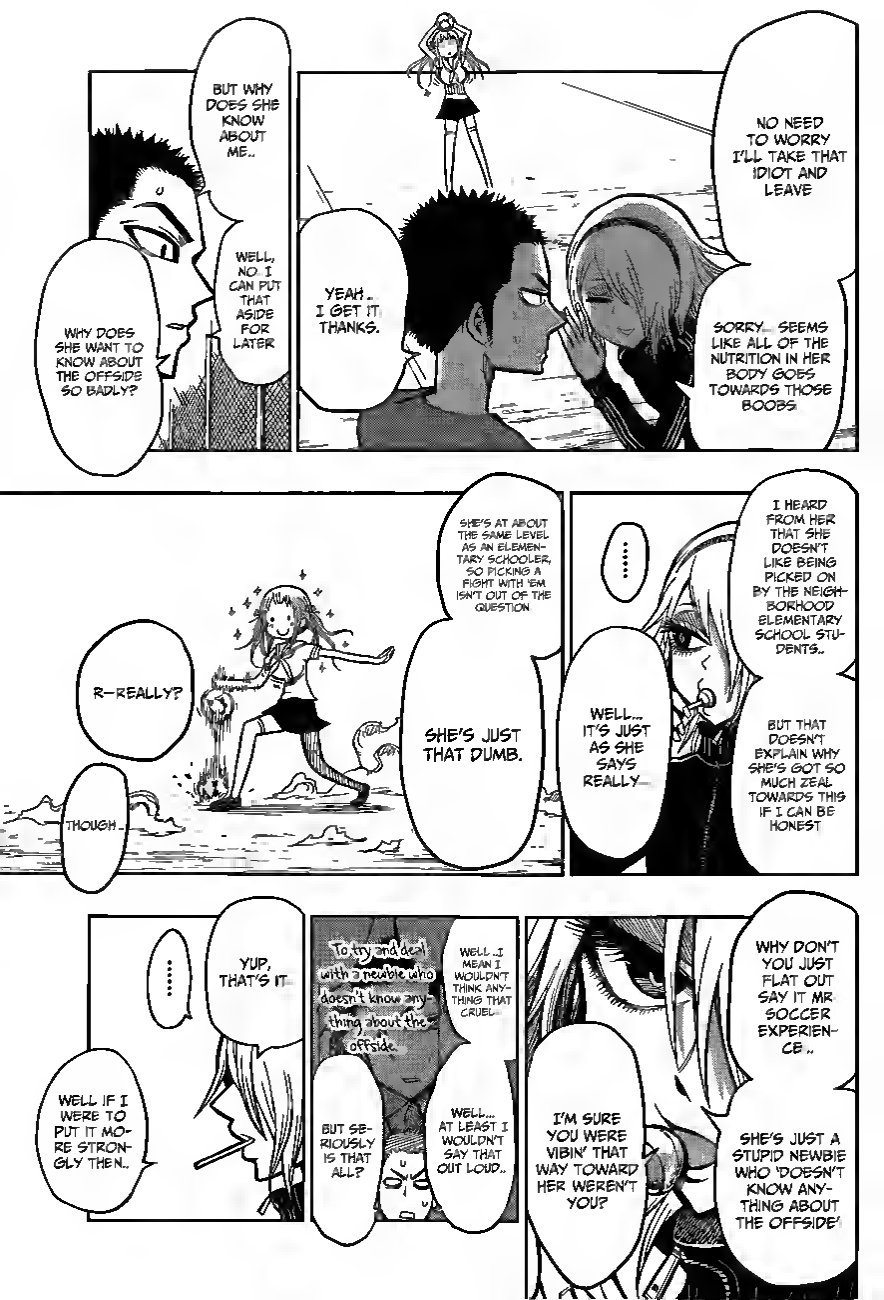
WOAA AAAH! IT'S SO WIDE!
SU-PER-DU-PER WIIIIII-DE!!
TO THINK THAT SOCCER WOULD BE THIS HUGE AND WIDE!!
I HAD NO IDEA!! AWE-SOO-ME!
That's right. When a newbie begins soccer...
The hardest thing to visualize is this 'wide-ness'.
I was really surprised at its full scaled size when I first started too.
THE WAY THEY SAY IT IN MODERN STYLE IS PITCHING

It's the sort of sport that requires a ball to play, so there aren't many people who haven't played soccer before.
But because of this most people associate soccer with open spots in parks or elementary school yards as a standard.
These tiny, cramped places don't properly explain the significance of passing and working together.
I'M GLAD I TOOK THAT EXPEDITION WITH THE SOCCER CLUB
However if one can see the genuine hugeness of the field and experience seeing it themselves...
HEY ITOU-KUN! I THOUGHT OF SOMETHING COOL!!
WHAT IF THE DEFENSE TEAMS UP ON THE GOAL KEEPER BY ASSEMBLING ON THAT SIDE? ISN'T THAT GREAT?
THAT WAY THE ENEMY SIDE CAN'T GET CLOSE TO THEM!! AWESOME HUH?! I'M SO SMART!!
IS THERE REALLY AN OFFSIDE TRAP THAT AUDACIOUS?!
HM? WHAT'S WRONG? IS MY GENIUS CAUSING YOU A MIGRAINE?
FINE THEN! IF THAT'S THE CASE I'LL SHOW YOU MY SPIRIT IN 90 MINUTES..
I PLAN TO TEACH YOU ABOUT THE OFFSIDE!!

I WASN'T ABLE TO TEACH HER ANYTHING....!?
ARE YOU KIDDING ME? AFTER BEING ON THIS STAGE WITH A MATCH SERVING AS EXPLANATION...
90 minutes later...
JUST STOP IT OOPUS-SAN! YOU'VE GOT TO UNDERSTAND THIS...
THAT CAN'T BE IT!! SHE'S JUST AN UNBELIEVABLE IDIOT!!
YOU'RE JUST MESSING WITH ME AND PRETENDING NOT TO AREN'T YOU?
COULD EVERYTHING I UNDERSTOOD UP UNTIL THIS POINT HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY OFF THE MARK...!?
HER NEWBNESS IS TERRIFYING....!
WHAT PART DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND?! EXPLAIN IT TO ME!!
YOU SORTA FELT LIKE IT?! DON'T SCREW WITH ME DAMMIT!
WELL...TO BE HONEST I SORTA FELT LIKE DOING THAT MIDWAY THROUGH.
BUT IT'S THE TRUTH THAT I DON'T GET IT EITHER

'CAUSE...
IF IT WERE ME I'D JUST WANNA WAIT HERE TO PASS.
!?
I DON'T HAVE ANY SOCCER EXPERIENCE...
OR I'D WAIT HERE FOR SOMEONE TO PASS TO ME! THAT'S WHAT I'D REALLY WANT.
BUT I HAVE SEEN THEM DO THIS ON TV.
FOR REALS IT'S CAUSE OF THE OFFSIDE THAT THIS WHOLE THING SEEMS SO BORING.
JUST WHEN I THINK THEY HAVE A CHANCE TO TAKE A GOAL, IT'S OFFSIDE THIS, OFFSIDE THAT. THEY COULD LITERALLY TAKE THE HEAD OFF A DEMON IF THEY WANTED TO...
BUT A MATCH THAT NEARLY TAKES TWO HOURS TO FIGHT IS SPENT BETWEEN TWO POINTS THAT NO ONE CAN GET INTO! IS THAT RULE EVEN NECESSARY? ISN'T IT JUST GETTING IN EVERYONE'S WAY?
IF THEY WERE TO JUST GO FOR IT AND TAKE THE GOAL, THAT'D BE MUCH MORE FUN TO WATCH...
IF THEY WERE TO ABOLISH THE RULE OF THE OFFSIDE...
WELL... UM...
SHE'S SAYING STUPID NEWBIE THINGS AGAIN...
I CAN'T THINK OF AN EASY WAY TO REFUTE HER WORDS THOUGH...
THAT'S JUST HOW THE RULE WORKS...
SOCCER WOULD BE MUCH MORE POPULAR IN MY OPINION.
AH, HERE YOU ARE...

AH!! SAI-CHAN!! YAAAY!! COME ON OVER!!
WHO'S SHE?
.....?
WAIT SHE'S YOUR FRIEND? YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO MAKE FRIENDS WITH THAT PERSONALITY OF YOURS?!
HEY OOFUSA! YOU SAID WE WERE GONNA LEAVE TOGETHER, YEAH? I TOLD YOU TO WAIT FOR ME UNTIL I WAS DONE WITH MY REPAIRS!
DON'T MAKE ME LOOK FOR YOU DUMB TITS!!
SUP, ITOU-SENPAI SORRY ABOUT MY FRIEND! I'M SAI!
THANK YOU FOR LOOKING AFTER MY CLASSMATE!
SHE'S SURPRISINGLY POLITE!!
WAIT DID YOU SAY "SENPAI"?! AND SHE'S YOUR CLASSMATE?!
WHICH MEANS— OOFUSA, YOU'RE A SECOND YEAR?!
I'M A FIRST YEAR THOUGH
WITH BREASTS LIKE THOSE YOU'RE A FIRST YEAR?!
MOREOVER HOW IN THE WORLD DOES A FIRST YEAR EVEN KNOW WHO I AM?
YOU'RE KIDDING ME A FIRST YEAR CHICK IS CALLING ME ITOU-KUN!? SHE'S UNDERESTIMATING ME TOO MUCH DAMMIT!
THAT EXPRESSION..
HEH,
SEEMS LIKE THINGS HAVEN'T BEEN GOING WELL HAVE THEY?


NO NEED TO WORRY I'LL TAKE THAT IDIOT AND LEAVE
SORRY... SEEMS LIKE ALL OF THE NUTRITION IN HER BODY GOES TOWARDS THOSE BOOBS
YEAH.. I GET IT. THANKS.
BUT WHY DOES SHE KNOW ABOUT ME..
WELL, NO. I CAN PUT THAT ASIDE FOR LATER
WHY DOES SHE WANT TO KNOW ABOUT THE OFFSIDE SO BADLY?
I HEARD FROM HER THAT SHE DOESN'T LIKE BEING PICKED ON BY THE NEIGHBORHOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS..
BUT THAT DOESN'T EXPLAIN WHY SHE'S GOT SO MUCH ZEAL TOWARDS THIS IF I CAN BE HONEST
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WELL... IT'S JUST AS SHE SAYS REALLY...
SHE'S AT ABOUT THE SAME LEVEL AS AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLER, SO PICKING A FIGHT WITH 'EM ISN'T OUT OF THE QUESTION
SHE'S JUST THAT DUMB.
R--REALLY?
THOUGH..
WHY DON'T YOU JUST FLAT OUT SAY IT MR SOCCER EXPERIENCE..
SHE'S JUST A STUPID NEWBIE WHO 'DOESN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE OFFSIDE'
I'M SURE YOU WERE VIBIN' THAT WAY TOWARD HER WEREN'T YOU?
WELL...I MEAN I WOULDN'T THINK ANYTHING THAT CRUEL..
WELL... AT LEAST I WOULDN'T SAY THAT OUT LOUD..
BUT SERIOUSLY IS THAT ALL?
To try and deal with a newbie who doesn't know anything about the offside.
YUP, THAT'S IT.
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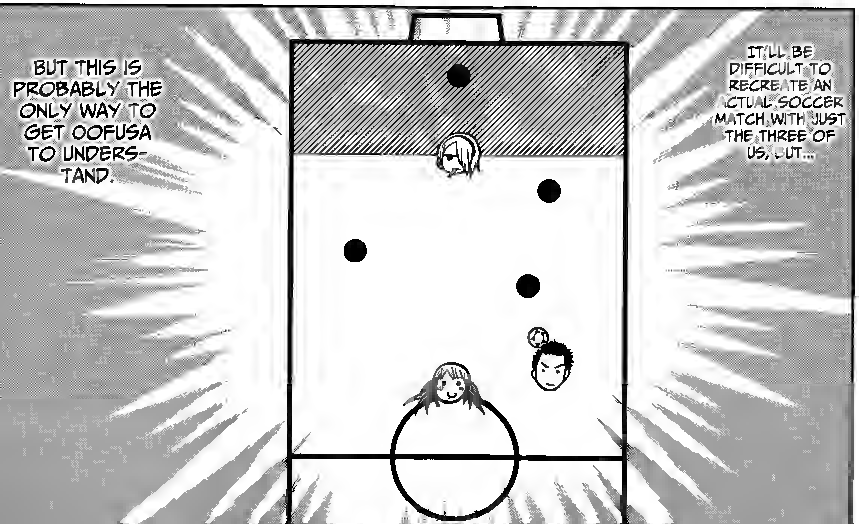
WELL IF I WERE TO PUT IT MORE STRONGLY THEN..

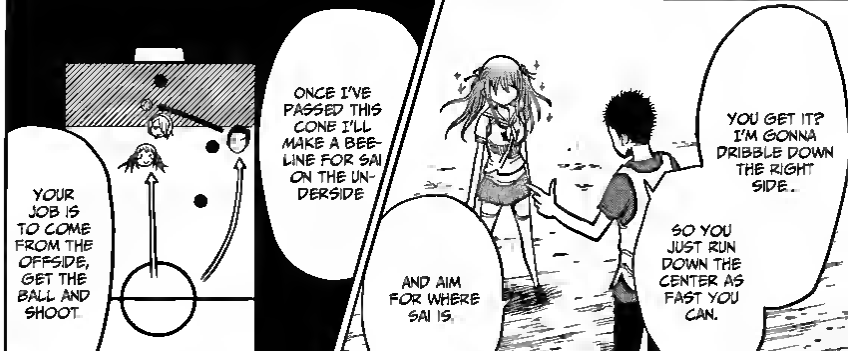
A BOY WITH A PROMISING FUTURE IN SOCCER THAT SHE WAS TAKING CARE OF LIKE A LITTLE BROTHER.
IS CRYING IN THE HOSPITAL SAYING THINGS LIKE YOU.... THOUGH YOUR DISPOSITIONS MIGHT BE A LITTLE DIFFERENT.
"AT LEAST YOU'RE OKAY"? DON'T TRY TO COMFORT ME LADY!!
I'M NOT OKAY AT ALL! LOOK AT MY LEGS!
THERE'S A CHANCE I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO PLAY SOCCER AGAIN YOU KNOW!!

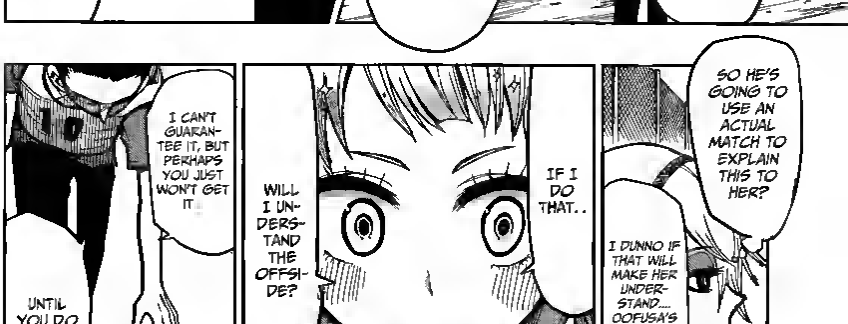
HEHEHE, SHE SURE IS DUMB HUHP TAKING THE WORDS OF A CRYING CHILD TO HEART...
SHE REALLY THINKS THAT IF SHE UNDERSTANDS THE OFFSIDE...
THAT SHE'D BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND THE FEELINGS OF A CHILD ADMITTED TO THE HOSPITAL DUE TO A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT.
SO DON'T TALK ABOUT THINGS YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! GET LOST!!
YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT THE OFFSIDE IS!
THOUGH THAT'S NOT LIKELY TO HAPPEN, HAHAH...
YEAH...IT'S IDIOCY
No. I'm the idiot.
But for real after hearing this...
That honestly crossed my mind...
I thought about something dramatic like retiring due to injury.
THERE'S ONE LAST THING I WANT TO TRY
COULD YOU HELP ME OUT?
SAI... BEFORE YOU TAKE HER BACK..

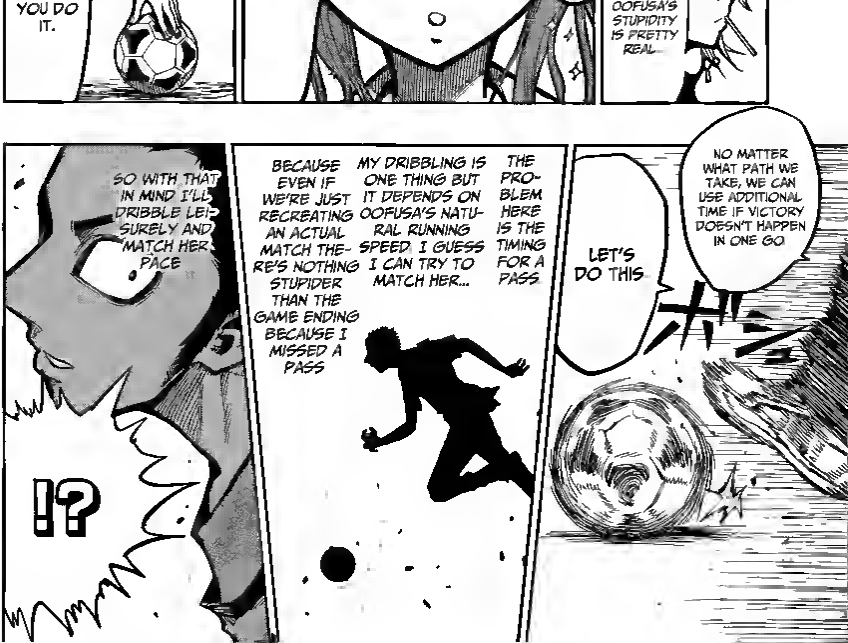
HEY ITOU-KUN, YOU'RE SERIOUSLY GONNA WEAR A SPORTS BRA? ISN'T THAT EMBARRASSING? AHAAHAHAH!
UH NO. THIS IS WHAT'S CALLED A BIB... IT'S MORE LIKE PUTTING ON A JERSEY...

ITOU-SENPAI...
IT'S OKAY FOR ME TO JUST STAND HERE RIGHT?
I DON'T HAVE A CLUE ABOUT SOCCER EITHER, SO I DUNNO IF JUST STANDING HERE IS OKAY..
YEAH. THAT'S COOL
YOU'RE SET UP TO ACT AS A GOALKEEPER BEHIND US.
JUST MAKE LIKE A LIVING OFFSIDE LINE


IT'LL BE DIFFICULT TO RECREATE AN ACTUAL SOCCER MATCH WITH JUST THE THREE OF US, BUT...
BUT THIS IS PROBABLY THE ONLY WAY TO GET OOFUSA TO UNDERSTAND.


YOUR JOB IS TO COME FROM THE OFFSIDE, GET THE BALL AND SHOOT.
ONCE I'VE PASSED THIS CONE I'LL MAKE A BEE-LINE FOR SAI ON THE UNDERSIDE
AND AIM FOR WHERE SAI IS.
SO YOU JUST RUN DOWN THE CENTER AS FAST YOU CAN.
YOU GET IT? I'M GONNA DRIBBLE DOWN THE RIGHT SIDE.


I CAN'T GUARANTEE IT, BUT PERHAPS YOU JUST WON'T GET IT.
UNTIL YOU DO IT.
WILL I UNDERSTAND THE OFFSIDE?
IF I DO THAT..
I DUNNO IF THAT WILL MAKE HER UNDERSTAND.... OOFUSA'S STUPIDITY IS PRETTY REAL.
SO HE'S GOING TO USE AN ACTUAL MATCH TO EXPLAIN THIS TO HER?


SO WITH THAT IN MIND I'LL DRIBBLE LEI-SURELY AND MATCH HER PACE
!?
BECAUSE EVEN IF WE'RE JUST RECREATING AN ACTUAL MATCH THERE'S NOTHING STUPIDER THAN THE GAME ENDING BECAUSE I MISSED A PASS
MY DRIBBLING IS ONE THING BUT IT DEPENDS ON OOFUSA'S NATURAL RUNNING SPEED. I GUESS I CAN TRY TO MATCH HER...
THE PROBLEM HERE IS THE TIMING FOR A PASS
LET'S DO THIS
NO MATTER WHAT PATH WE TAKE, WE CAN USE ADDITIONAL TIME IF VICTORY DOESN'T HAPPEN IN ONE GO
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HA!
AAHAHA HAHAAH AHAHA AH!!
AHA!!
SHE'S RIDICULOUSLY FAST!!
SHE'S FASTER THAN MY NORMAL RUNNING SPEED?!

AH, I HAPPENED TO HEAR THIS BEFORE, ITOU-SENPAI...
BUT IN MIDDLE SCHOOL SHE WAS THE CHAMPION IN SHORT DISTANCE RUNNING IN TRACK AND FIELD
SHE DROPPED OUT AFTER HER BOOBS GOT HUGE THOUGH...
Cause it really hurts her chest
THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO RETIRE FOR THAT KINDA REASON?! DAMMIT, THIS IS BAD.
I THOUGHT I'D BE WAITING FOR HER TO REACH THE CONE BEFORE PASSING BUT IT LOOKS LIKE SHE'S ALREADY WAY AHEAD OF ME! SHOULD I GO FOR A QUICK LONG PASS? NO - THERE'S NO MEANING TO THAT!! I HAVE TO STICK TO THE ASSUMPTION THIS IS A MATCH OR ELSE!!
MOREOVER IT'LL BE THE SAME AS WHAT SHE WAS THINKING HERSELF IN THE END!
I GOTTA THINK! OOFUSA YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND THIS BUT...
BUT IT'S NOT LIKE YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND THE ACTUAL CONCEPT OF WHAT THE OFFSIDE IS, RIGHT?!
AHH DAMMIT, I GUESS SHE REALLY DOESN'T UNDERSTAND...
(PLUS AT THIS RATE IF YOU REACH SAI I WON'T BE ABLE TO PASS TO YOU!)
HUH...?
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OKAY...
I GUESS FOR NOW MOVING LIKE THIS IS OKAY...I HOPE?
HOWEVER, IF I SLOW DOWN NOW I'LL FALL, YEAH?
HE TOLD ME TO RUN AS FAST AS I CAN...
I'M RUNNING STRAIGHT AFTER ALL.
THEN...
IS THAT WHAT THE OFFSIDE IS...?
I'LL REACH THE LINE BEFORE ITOU-KUN CAN PASS AT THIS RATE...
HOW'S THIS!!
AWRRIGHT! THERE'S SOME GENIUS IN THAT STUPIDITY!!
SHE SLANTED HER RUN SINCE SHE COULDN'T SLOW DOWN AND INSTEAD INCREASED HER RUNNING RANGE?
THERE'S A 'REASON' WHY THE OFFSIDE EXISTS IN SOCCER.

But Oofusa you...
That, like in Vollyball points would be easy to obtain with a rally point system installed
Well.. there are extreme arguments that without it there would be no restrictions.
It's a remnant of something left back when it was mixed with rugby.
It's not a 'coward's gentlemanly conduct'
HE'S KICKING A PASS! SO AFTER THAT...
GOING OVER THE LINE IS OKAY?
Said 'If it were me I'd...
Soccer too has rules that change unexpectedly.
"Should never disappear". That is without it one would never improve their skill
Rather there are countless reasons why the offside...

If there were a reason for the offside to not exist...
That would be...
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I'd still want to pass to a place where no one was...
But if it were me...
Even if it weren't wrong to be on the Offside...
And then run as fast as I can to outpace that pass
Rather than waiting for a pass, running for one...

Is obviously cooler!!
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SO OOFUSA.
A PLAY YOU HAD TO THINK OF YOURSELF IS MUCH MORE FUN, RIGHT?
BASICALLY BEING ON THE SIDE OF THOSE WHO DO RATHER THAN WATCH IS...
YUP...
ITOU-SENPAI...

IT'S THE SAME AS LIFE!
DOING YOUR BEST AND WORKING HARD IS THE WAY THAT WE GROW UP!
AH NO.
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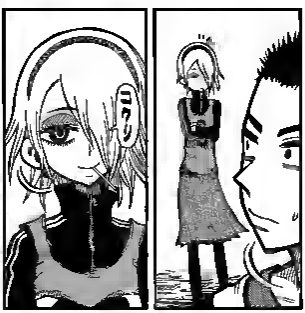
WHEN YOU'RE IN A BATTLE AND OVER-COME THE ODDS YOU' RE MUCH HAPPIER!
I'M SO GLAD I'LL BE ABLE TO TELL THAT CHILD THAT MYSELF!
I REALLY HADN'T THOUGHT OF IT THAT DEEPLY

Y-YEAH! THAT'S RIGHT!
YOU COMPLE TELY GOT IT! IT'S WHEN A PERSON IS CONFRONTED WITH HARD SHIPS THAT THEY HAVE TO PRO-GRESS AND GET STRON GER!!
THAT'S THE TRUE MEANING OF AN OFFSIDE, OOFUSA! DO YOU GET IT?



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I TOTALLY DO!
YUP! AHAHA!
THIRD YEAR ITOU-SENPAI IS THE MAN FOR THE JOB!
THE MEMBERS OF THE SOCCER CLUB IN THAT CLASS RECOMMENDED YOU!
THEY SAID IF YOU WANNA KNOW ABOUT SOCCER...
WELL... I GUESS IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER AT THIS POINT...
BUT WHY ME OF ALL PEOPLE OOFUSA?
I'M SURE THERE'S AT LEAST ONE PERSON IN THE CLASS WHO'S IN THE SOCCER CLUB...
I SEE...
HEH
SO THEY BASICALLY JUST PUSHED THE UNDERCLASSMEN TO ME BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T WANT TO DEAL WITH IT
THOUGH I GUESS THEY'VE ALL RETIRED BY NOW BUT IN THIS SCHOOL...

THE ONE WHO KNOWS THE MOST ABOUT SOCCER...
IS ITOU-SENPAI!!
I came to hate the word 'retire'...
After working so hard in the end, they basically just 'withdrew and backed out'.
But even if it's an excuse or the official stance...
I'm going to keep on going like this.
There are those I can talk to... those who are hearing it for the first time...
And finally I, who retired...
Can feel like I've advanced...

A few days later I saw a big breasted underclassmen tossing a ball by the lake with a kid.
Her movements were all filled with suck and I could see it...
I think another time when I get a break between studying for exams I'll teach her how to judge the ball.

Teach Me the Offside.

STOPPED WATCH NOW MOVES

TEACH ME THE OFFSIDE END

Next issue the "I"m the Main Character!!" End of Year Gag Parade opens!! Who will take the apex of JUMP's funniest?!